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**LOUISVILLE MAN INDICTED FOR FEDERAL
NARCOTICS AND FIREARMS VIOLATIONS**

-- Convicted felon charged with possessing a handgun and crack cocaine

LOUISVILLE, KY - A federal grand jury in Louisville returned an indictment against **Ronnie L. Robinson**, age 32, of Louisville, Kentucky, in Jefferson County, on charges of possession of crack cocaine with the intent to distribute, being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm and carrying a firearm in furtherance of drug trafficking, U.S. Attorney David L. Huber of the Western District of Kentucky, and Paul Vido, Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), Louisville Field Division, jointly announced today.

The Indictment alleges that on May 25, 2007, Robinson possessed a loaded .40 caliber Kel-Tec handgun with over 5 grams of crack cocaine intending to distribute it. Robinson had previously been convicted of illegal Possession of a Controlled Substance, Receiving Property over \$300, Facilitation to Criminal Syndicate, and Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument, all felonies. The total street value of the drugs seized was approximately \$4,000.00.

In the event of a conviction, the maximum potential penalties are life imprisonment, a \$4,000,000 fine, and supervised release for a period of 8 years. The minimum penalty is 5 years imprisonment and supervised release for a period of 4 years.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Robert B. Bonar. The

Louisville Field Office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) conducted the investigation in partnership with Louisville Metro Police Department, as part of ATF's mandated mission to reduce violent crime and other threats to public safety.

This is a Project Backfire prosecution. Project Backfire is a cooperative effort by the Jefferson County Attorney's Office, the Jefferson County Commonwealth's Attorneys Office, the Louisville Metro Police Department, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and the United States Attorney's Office to ensure that firearm offenses are prosecuted to the fullest extent of the state and federal law.

Robinson is scheduled to appear for arraignment before the United States Magistrate Judge on October 16, at 9:30 a.m., in Louisville, Kentucky.

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The indictment of a person by a Grand Jury is an accusation only and that person is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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